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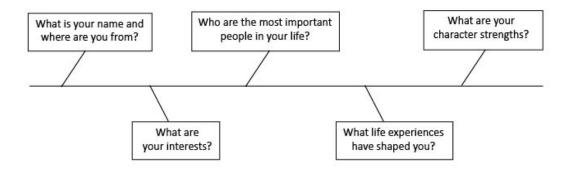
### "The only way to have a friend is to be one."

#### - Ralph Waldo Emerson

You can be caring by being a good friend. Learning more about your friends helps keep your friendships strong and helps you connect with new people.

When you are talking to someone new it is important to learn more about them. It takes courage and curiosity to connect with others - especially those you don't know, who are new or seem a little different than you.

Start with general questions and as you continue to connect, move to questions that are more personal.



#### Discussion starter

Ask your child what they think: can you take back hurtful words? Give an example of trying to put toothpaste back into the tube.

#### Check out more tips on teaching character at TheRayCenter.org



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